



BISHOP VESEY'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Travel Policy

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Signed by Chair of Governors:	

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This policy has been written with the United Nations Convention of the Rights of The Child in mind. All of our policies bear in mind Articles 3 and 28 - the child's best interests and the right of the child to an education. This policy also bears in mind Articles 2,6,7,8,12,13, 14,19,27,29,32,33,34,36 and 37.
- 1.2 We actively encourage our students and staff to walk, or cycle to school as they:
- keep us fit and healthy
 - help our students develop road safety skills which will keep them safe as they travel further afield and more independently
 - help keep our local air clean, and our streets free from congestion
 - are life skills that everyone should be able to benefit from

2. What we do

- We use Modeshift STARS to update and monitor our school travel plan
- We promote safe and active travel as much as possible by using our School Blog, Weekly Newsletters and website at BVGS.co.uk
- We encourage all members of our school community to walk, cycle or travel by public transport for the journey to school. To support this we provide:
 - Cycle parking
 - Lockers for helmets/equipment
 - Public transport information
- Local school trips are made by public transport where possible, or on foot if the destination is close by
- We let all new students and their parents/carers know that we promote healthy and sustainable travel to school before the child starts at our school

3. What we ask of parents

3.1 what we ask of parents:

- Please encourage your child(ren) to travel by Public Transport, walk or cycle to school whenever possible
- Ensure your child(ren) walk or ride sensibly and safely on the way to and from school, and to push bikes on school grounds
- Ensure that bicycles are roadworthy and properly maintained. If in doubt consult a qualified mechanic
- Consider providing your child(ren) with a cycle helmet
- Ensure your child(ren) can be seen by fitting lights to their bike by supplying them with high-visibility clothing
- Make sure your child(ren) has a lock for their bike and that they know how to use it

- Ensure you have appropriate insurance cover for your child(ren)'s bicycle as the school is not liable for any loss or damage to cycles or scooters on the premises or being used on the way to or from school
- If you travel by bus, can you get off the bus at least two stops early and walk the last part of the journey?
- We request that you consider a minimum 5 minute walk zone to and from school and we ask parents to park outside of this area.

3.2 The School specifically requests that parents follow the advice below:

3.2.1 Please do not travel directly to the site by car and do not enter Boswell Road via vehicle: Whilst we understand the modern day convenience of cars, there are increasing health and safety risks for vehicles entering Boswell Road and the roads beyond on the local estate. We therefore directly request that you do not enter Boswell Road in your cars on the grounds of student safety. The link below will highlight local car parks that provide a safe off road parking alternative to travelling to the School site by car:

<http://www.postcodearea.co.uk/postaltowns/birmingham/b742nh/car-parks/>

3.2.2 Please do not drop children off on the Lichfield Road by the School: We would request that you do not drop your child off on the Lichfield Road opposite the school due to the location of the Pelican Crossing, Local Community Fire Station and the entrance to Boswell Road.

3.2.3 Please Plan your Journey via Public Transport: The school is in the enviable position of having direct access to exceptional travel links including the Cross City Train Line, which is a short 7 minute walk away. There is also a host of local bus networks right outside the school or by a short 11 minute walk away in Sutton Town Centre. Students often find there are a large number of fellow students who are using the same transport and it is a great way for students to mix with their peers.

3.3 The School fully supports Birmingham City Council's advice for sustainable travel across the city which is:

- Leave the car at home and travel by bus, train, tram, bike, or on foot
- Car-share with family, friends, or colleagues

Please note that the decision on whether a child is competent to cycle to school is for the parent(s) or carer(s) to make. The school has no liability for any consequences arising from this decision.

4. What we ask of students

- Ask your parents if you can walk or cycle to school
- Behave in a way that shows you and the school in the best light whether walking, cycling or using public transport
- Ride or walk courteously, sensibly and safely on the way to and from school
- Push bikes on school grounds
- Check that your bike is roadworthy and properly maintained
- Consider wearing a cycle helmet

- Make sure you can be seen by using lights in the dark or bad weather and by wearing high-visibility clothing
- Make sure you have a lock for your bike and that you use it